

Themes in survey data

1. Beach
 - a. Traffic
 - b. Crowds
 - c. Noise
 - d. Access
 - e. Clean beaches
 - f. alcohol on beaches
 - g. parking
2. Water Quality
 - a. Parsons creek
3. Climate Change
 - a. Sea level rise
4. Town Governance
 - a. Efficient small government
 - b. The lack of true and effective leadership
 - c. Ethics
 - d. Lack of transparency
5. Long Term Planning
 - a. Town Center
 - b. Housing development
 - c. Prevent overbuilding on beach roads
6. Development
 - a. Preventing OVER development of Rye
 - b. Protecting areas that are impacted by development, for example Webster expansions and beachfront developments.
 - c. too much development
 - d. Overbuilding/building within wetlands and open spaces
 - e. Rye is being over-developed.
 - f. Preserving the "quiet, country feel" of Rye and our reasonably dark nighttime skies by limiting commercial developments like the gratuitously light-polluting Partners' Bank on Central Rd. Why do we tolerate a business that has MORE THAN 40 external lights on at night in the middle of a quiet, residential section of town and pollutes our otherwise dark, star-filled nights? The US Post Office next to it provides security lighting without being a light polluter. Let's change this!
7. Taxes
 - a. Too high
8. Balanced Vs. Retirement Community
 - a. Family and kid friendly town
 - b. Not turn into a retirement community for the wealthy
 - c. Aging community
 - d. Balance the kind of community we want to be.
 - e. Inability of families to afford Rye housing
 - f. More young families
 - g. More diverse residents

9. Expenditure

- a. High expenditures of our small town
- b. Over-spending
- c. Keeping expenditures down

10. Dog Laws

- a. Increase the time the dogs can spend on the beach
- b. Increase the fines for people who don't cooperate and pick up the feces
- c. One of the best parts of living here is the ability to enjoy beach walks with our dog.
- d. Dog laws/ dogs on beach enforcement
- e. Dog leash laws